

# By the Lord Deputie and Councell.

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Whereas for prevention of such disorders, ryotts & rebellions within this Realme, as might grow by loose & disloyall people, having meanes to arme themselves, to do mischief against his Maiestie and the Common wealth, diuers Proclamations haue bene heretofore published by the late Lo: Deputie and Councell of this Kingdome, commanding that no Passer or owner of any Ship, Barque, or any Merchant, Factor, or other Trademan, nor any other person or persons whatsoever, denizen or stranger, should bring or cause to be brought into this Kingdome or any part thereof, without speciall licence from the Lords of the Councell in England, or from the Lo: Deputy and Councell here, any quantity or quantities of Gunpowder, or any Muskets, Calliwers, Hand-gunnys, Pistols, or other Peeces, Portions, Head-peeces, Armoz, or any other furniture for the warres (Swordes and Rapiers, and Sword and Rapier blades onely excepted) vpon paine of his Maiesties displeasure and indignation, and vpon paine of seisure and forfeiture of the same, whereof the one moitie to be to the vse of the Kings most excellent Maiestie, and the other moitie to the vse of such person or persons as should so discover and seise the same to his Maiesties vse. And vnder being now againe informed that the said Proclamations haue of late bene little regarded, but that great quantities of powder, Armoz, and other warlike munition of all kindes haue bene daily brought into this Kingdome from foraine parts, and sale thereof made to all sorts of people, without respect of persons, so as many loose keernes, and idle persons of bad and lewd behauiour, being furnished and armed with powder, peeces and other warlike weapons, doe not onely make great spoyle and hauock of red and fallow Deere, and other game within the proper lands of sundry Noblemen and Gentlemen of this Kingdome, but are thereby the rather emboldened to commit diuers insolent ryotts, burglaries, robberies and murders, and many times to runne into open action of rebellion, to the great disturbance of the publike peace, and trouble of the State and Common-wealth of this Kingdome: By meanes whereof, greater mischiefes and inconueniences may happen in this Realme, if due care and circumspection be not speedily had for preventing the same. And although after so many warnings giuen, vnder many lusty call such persons to account as haue offended against the said Proclamations, by imposing the utmost penaltie that by the tenor of the same might be inflicted vpon them for their wilful contempt against his Maiestie and the State in that behalfe: Yet hoping that by the renewing of the said former Proclamations once more, the same will from henceforth be more strictly obserued and kept then heretofore it hath bene, vnder therefore do againe in the name of the Kings most excellent Maiestie, declare, publish, and command, That no Passer or Owner of any Ship or Barque, or any Merchant, Factor, or other trademan, nor any other person or persons whatsoever, denizen or stranger, shall from henceforth bring or cause to be brought into this Kingdome, or any part thereof, (without speciall licence from the Lords of the Councell in England, or from the Lo: Deputy and Councell of this Kingdome) any quantity or quantities of Gunpowder, or any Muskets, Calliwers, Handgunns, Pistols, or other Peeces, Portions, Head-peeces, Armoz, or other furniture for the warres (Swordes and Rapiers, and Sword and Rapier blades onely excepted) vpon paine of his Maiesties displeasure and indignation, and vpon paine of seisure and forfeiture of the same, whereof the one moitie shall be to the vse of the Kings Maiestie, and the other halfe of the other moitie to be for the officer of his Maiesties Store, where the same be seised, and the other moitie and halfe of the aforesaid moitie, to be giuen to him who shall discover and seize the same, or the value thereof, according to his Maiesties rates. And vnder do further in his Maiesties Name declare and publish, That if any merchant, factor, or trademan, or any other person or persons within this Realme now haue or at any time hereafter shall happen to haue any quantities or quantities of gunpowder, or any Muskets, Calliwers, handgunns, or other Peeces, Portions, headpeeces, armoz, or other abilliments of warres (Swordes and rapiers, and sword and rapier blades excepted) in his or their hands or possession, to the intent to sell the same or any part thereof to any person or persons, that then such merchant, factor, or other person or persons, within one moneth after the date of this Proclamation, or within one moneth after the said powder or munition shall come to his or their hands, shall vpon paine of seisure and forfeiture thereof, and vpon paine of his Maiesties displeasure and indignation, bring or cause to be brought all such powder, and other munition, into one of his Maiesties Stores of Ordnance and munition, whereupon vnder the Lo: Deputy and Councell shall from time to time take order, and provide that the officers of his Maiesties Ordnance and munition shall receive the same, and the owner or owners thereof immediately vpon the deliuer thereof into his Maiesties Store, be fully satisfied and payed for the same, at such reasonable rates as the gunpowder or other munition shall be worth at the time of the deliuer and receipt thereof, as aforesaid. Provided alwayes, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for every citie or towne corporate within this Realme, to retaine and keep within their severall Stores, such powder or munition for the necessary defence of the said citie and towne corporate, so as the said corporations doe within forty dayes after the date hereof, certifie vnder the Lo: Deputie and Councell, what quantity or quantities of powder or other munition they and euery of them haue now in their Stores, and so as they nor any of them doe not issue the same nor any part thereof by way of sale. And vnder do further declare and publish, That if any Noblemen, Gentleman, or person of honest and good behauiour, or if any citie or corporation, or any Owner or Passer of a Barque or Ship going to Sea, shall haue occasion to vse any reasonable quantitie of powder, or any muskets, calliwers, or other furniture of warre, That euery such person or persons, or euery such citie, towne or corporation, shall from time to time, by the warrant of the Lo: Deputy, or by the warrant of the severall Presidents of the prouinces of Munster and Connaught, or of other commanders or gouernours within their severall commands, furnished and supplied of any such competent quantitie of powder or munition as he or they shall desire to vse, at such reasonable and easie rates as his Maiestie doth vsually issue the same to his Army within this land. And vnder do hereby expressly charge & command all & euery gouernour, Paroy, Soueraignes, Portiffes, Wapiffes, Constables, and all Customers, Searchers, and Controllers, within all and euery the Ports, Hauens and Creeks of this Realme, and all others his Maiesties Officers and ministers to whom it may appertaine, That they and euery of them do from time to time vse and inploy their best diligence and endeouours to discover and seize to his Maiesties vse as aforesaid, such quantities of powder, muskets, Calliwers, hand-gunnys, Peeces, and other munition and furniture of warre, as shall be brought into this Kingdome or any part thereof, to be sold to any person or persons, or which any merchant, factor, or other person or persons shall deteine and keep in his hands or possession, to the intent to sell the same, contrary to the purport of this Proclamation, And that herein they faile not to performe their duties, as they will answer the contrary at their perils. Provided alwayes, that it shall not be lawfull for any person or persons whatsoever, wearing any Irish Pantle or Trowles, to vse, carry or keepe any Musket, Calliwer, hand-gunne, Pistoll or other Peere or Peeces, nor to haue or vse any gun-powder, nor to weare, carry or keepe any munition, head-peere, or any other armes whatsoever inuasiue or defensiu, vpon paine to forfeit the same to his Maiestie. And that it shall be lawfull for euery Noblemen, Gentleman, or other person of honest and good behauiour, conforming him or themselves vnto the English fashion of apparell, to seize and take away the same, and the same so seized and taken away, to carry to the next Justice of the peace, to the intent the same may be deliuered in to his maiesties next Magazin or Store-house of munition and armour in those parts, or to such person or persons as shall haue oversight or command of the same.

And whereas many times heretofore instructions haue bene giuen, as well to the Lords Presidents in the severall Prouinces, as to the Justices of Assize in their severall circuits and sessions, for abolishing the vse of Irish apparell, and the reducing of all men to vse a ciuill and comely attire, according to the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome: Yet although they haue (according to the said instructions) inuolued to take away the barbarous custome of wearing Pantles, Trowles, Skerpes, and such like vnciuill and vncomely apparell, vnder see notwithstanding, the vse of them rather encreased then any wayes reformed or abated, euen to this day, to the great contempt of authority, and the disgrace of this Kingdome among other ciuill nations. For reformation whereof, vnder haue thought fit hereby once more to giue all men notice, that as his Maiestie hath often recommended the rare of the redress of the said barbarous custome vnto vs, and abolishing the vse of such vnciuill and vncomely apparell, so now vnder intend to inflict the utmost penaltie of law vpon such as from and after the time hereby prescribed shall presume either to weare the said barbarous attire, or to suffer any within their family or rule to weare and vse the same, contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome, And doe therefore hereby straightly charge and command, That from and after Pentecost next no man do weare any Pantle, Trowles, or long Skerpes, nor do suffer any to be wome by any within his family, gouernment or rule, but by the time aforesaid doe attire themselves, their children, seruants, and followers in such comely manner as the ciuill subjects of this Kingdome now vse to doe: In default whereof, they are to expect no fauour, but to be proceeded against for their wilfull and obstinate contempt, in the severest manner that by the Lawes and Statutes of this Kingdome may be taken against them, and besides such other punishments to be inflicted vpon them, as the Law doth impose. vnder hereby charge and command, That no person which from and after the feast aforesaid, shall weare or vse any Irish apparell or weapon shall presume to come, nor shall be admitted to haue access or audience to or at the Councell table, or in any Court of Justice in this Kingdome, nor before any Judge or Magistrate, vpon any matter or cause of private complaint whatsoever. And vnder doe likewise hereby straightly command all Sheriffes, Prisoers, Parshals, and other Officers, that as they shall finde any man that after Pentecost next shall weare any such long Skerpe, to take the same and breake them, and such men as they shall finde wearing of Pantles or Trowles out of their stone houses, to take the same from them, and before their faces to cut them into peeces, that they neuer be wome againe. Of the execution whereof, vnder require the said Sheriffes and prisoers Parshals, and other his Maiesties Officers, to be very carefull, as they will answer the contrary and their neglect or remissenesse therein. Provided alwayes, That it shall and may be lawfull to or for any person or persons to vse or weare any Pantle within his or their houses, notwithstanding any thing in this Proclamation, to the contrary. Giuen at his Maiesties Castle of Dublin the fift of Aprill. 1624.

Hen: Valentia.

Brabazon.

Fra: Blundell.

Dudly Norton.

Will: Parsons.

Roger Jones.

God saue the King.

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